I.C.P.O. Calendar

Jan 29 - Feb 18, 2004

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Islands, Castles & Portable Operations
Operations are listed by start date (Day/Month/Year)
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29/01/2004: Bob (AA1M) and Mike (W1USN) will be QRV from Grenada (NA-024) as J3/homecall between January 29th and February 6th. Activity will be on CW, SSB and some PSK on the HF bands. QSL to their home calls, either direct or via the bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

29/01/2004: Look for PR8/PS8NF to be QRV from Sao Luis Island (IOTA SA-016, DIB-007) and Aracagi (MA) Lighthouse (DFB-007, ARLHS BRA-005) between January 29th and February 1st. The operators will be: Operators: PS8NF (Nelson), PS8DCA (Dalton), and PS8DEL (Glauber). Activity will be on 80 through 10 meters (on IOTA frequencies), SSB only. QSL via PS8NF (QRZ.com). [Tnx PT7WA]

29/01/2004: Look for Antonio, I0SBA/p, to be QRV January 31st (07:30-08:00 UTC) from Rocca di Tolfa Nuova sul monte Tolfaccia ad Allumiere (DCI reference RM-289, for the Italian Castles Award). This reference is located in the Region of Lazio, Province of Roma (RM). Activity will be on 40 and 20 meter SSB. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [Tnx F5NQL]

01/02/2004: Weather permitting CT1GFK/p and CT1GPQ/p will operate from Ilha de Cabanas (not IOTA, DIP AL-07) on February 1st. Look for them on 40, 20, 17, and 15 meter SSB and CW between 07:00 and 12:00 UTC. QSL via home calls. [Tnx CT1END]

02/02/2004: Look for UE9SFF/9 to be QRV February 2nd from the Yuzhno-Ulalsky Natural Reserve (RFF-101, RDA VA-38). QSL via operator's instructions. [Tnx RU3GN]

02/02/2004: Look for Gerd (DJ4KW) and Gisela (DK9GG) to be QRV February 2nd to 6th as V31YN/p from Lighthouse Reef (IOTA NA-123). Activity will be on 40 through 10 meter CW only. QSL via DJ4KW, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

02/02/2004: Peter, NO2R, has received his callsign/license and will be active as XU7ACY from Sihanoukville, February 2nd to 9th. Activity will be on 160, 80 and 40 meters exclusively. QSL via K2NJ, direct. [Tnx OPDX]

03/02/2004: Look for Fabrice, F5FUA, to be active as FM/F5FUA/p from Sainte Marie, Martinique, (IOTA NA-107, DIFO FM-001) from February 3rd to 24th. Activity is scheduled daily, from 11:00 to 13:00 UTC and 22:00 to 24:00 UTC on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters., with IC 706 MKIIG and Double Dipole Multipbande Diamond W-8010. No information yet provided on modes. QSL via the French REF bureau preferred. [Tnx F5NQL]

05/02/2004: Lars, SM0CCM, will be QRV as J73CCM from Dominica (NA-102) between February 5th and March 4th. He will operate on 160 through 6 meter CW, with some RTTY and PSK. QSL via home call, preferably through he bureau. Direct cards should include 2 USD or 1 IRC. [Tnx 425DXN]

05/02/2004: Hector, XE2K and others will be active as XF1K from Pajaros Island, Sonora, Mexico (NA-166, the most "most wanted" IOTA group in North America) on 5-9 February. Plans are to operate on 80 through 10 meter (maybe on 160m as well) SSB and CW, with three 100 watt stations powered by battery and generator for 18-24 hours on the air. They will have two triband yagis, two verticals for 40-10m and 80-10m (maybe a third one for 160-10m) and one dipole for 80-40-30m. The group also plans to activate the Pajaros Lighthouse (WLA LH-1138, ARLHS MEX-011, WW Loc. DL47nv). QSL via N6AWD (Fred K. Stenger, 6000 Hesketh Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309, USA). [Tnx 425DXN]

06/02/2004: Look for Rich, PA0RRS, to be QRV as 9M#/homecall, from Malaysia, as follows: February 6th to 9th from Kuala Lumpur (9M2), February 9th to 20th from Keningau (OC-088) East Malaysia (9M6) and February 20th to March 2nd from Penang Island (9M2, AS-015). QSL via PA0RRS, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

07/02/2004: The Metro Amateur Radio Club, K9Y, will be QRV from the Chicago Harbor Breakwater South Lighthouse (ARLHS reference USA-1185) between 16:00 UTC February 7th and 23:59 UTC February 8th. Activity will be on 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter CW and SSB. QSL via N9TN, direct (Bill Borgstrom, 1330 W Columbia Ave, Chicago, IL 60626) with #10 SASE (for U.S. stations) or SAE + IRC (or sufficient funds for postage) for DX stations. [Tnx Metro ARC]

07/02/2004: Members of the Hillsborough County (FL) Sheriff's Tactical Amateur Radio Club, the Long Island DX Association (NY) and The Brandon Amateur Radio Society (FL) will be QRV from Honeymoon Island (IOTA NA-034, USI FL-017S, Pinellas County) in Florida on Saturday and Sunday, February 7 and 8, 2004. Plans are to have 2 stations on the air continuously during daylight hours (in FL) on 10, 15 or 20 meters and 1 station on 40 meters during evening hours (in FL). Antennas will be yagis and verticals for 10 thru 40 meters. IOTA frequencies will be used. We will be using the call of the team coordinator, Dan, W2NDP/4. QSL to home call W2NDP at CBA. [Tnx W2NDP]

09/02/2004: Look for Rich, PA0RRS, to be QRV as 9M#/homecall, from Malaysia, as follows: February 9th to 20th from Keningau (OC-088) East Malaysia (9M6) and February 20th to March 2nd from Penang Island (9M2, AS-015). QSL via PA0RRS, direct or bureau. [Tnx 425DXN]

11/02/2004: Scott, N9AG, a member of the J6DX team who will be QRV from St. Lucia (NA-108) as J68AS between February 11th and 25th for contesting and vacation, announced they have plans for a big effort on 160 meters. They will have an Inverted-L antenna, about 65 feet tall, on the side of the hill and a KW. The antenna will have a favorable path to the north and through the west to the southeast, but they are blocked by a hill toward Europe. They will be active on 160m beginning about February 14th, Scott suspects. QSL J68AS via N9AG. [Tnx OPDX]

12/02/2004: Rag, LA5HE, will once again be active from Spitsbergen Island (EU-026) as JW5HE between February 12th and 18th. There will be an emphasis on the low bands and CW. QSL via his home callsign. [Tnx OPDX]

13/02/2004: I2YSB (Silvano) reports that he, I2MOV (Flaviano), IK1AOD (Carlo), and IK2DIA (Marcello) will be active from Tokelau (OC-048) beginning February 13th and ending February 25th. Activity will be on 160 through 6 meter CW, SSB and possibly RTTY. The team is looking for

your input on your needs and wants from Tokelau, and a survey is available at their Web site at: www.qsl.net/i2ysb . QSL Manager for DIRECT cards go via I2YSB. QSL Manager for BUREAU cards go via IK2DIA. [Tnx OPDX]

15/02/2004: Andy, AE6Y, will be QRV from Aruba (SA-036) as P40Y between February 15th and 22nd. His activity will include an entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd). Activity outside of the contest will be on 160 through 10 meters, including the WARC bands. However, his activity before the contest will be limited because he has a lot of station maintenance to do. QSL via AE6Y. [Tnx OPDX]

15/02/2004: Bil, W8EB, and his wife Dorothy, W8DVC, will be on the island St. Maarten (NA-105) from February 15th through March 21st. Activity will be on 160 through 10 meter, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Bil's callsign will be PJ7/W8EB. His activity will include a Single-Op/All Band entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest as PJ7/W8EB and a Multi-Op/High Power entry (with K8RLM) in the ARRL DX Phone Contest as PJ7B. QSL both contests via W8EB. His equipment: FT-100D, Averatec Laptop, Ameritron 811H amplifier, WriteLog and DX4WIN software, Cushcraft R-7000 vertical for 10 thru 40, long wire for 80 and 160. [Tnx OPDX]

16/02/2004: Babs, DL7AFS, and Lot, DJ7ZG, will be active from Lord Howe Island (OC-004), February 16th to 27th. The callsigns will be VK9LB and VK9LL. Activity will be on 80-6 meters on SSB, RTTY and PSK. QSL via DL7AFS (direct to: Baerbel Linge, Eichwaldstrasse 86, D-34123 Kassel, Germany) or via the DARC Bureau. [Tnx OPDX]

17/02/2004: Nakamura, JE1JKL, will be active as 9M6NA in the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/Single Band (80m) entry. Activity will be from Labuan Island (OC-133) between February 17th and March 2nd. Outside of the contest, look for him on 160 and 80 meters. QSL via JE1JKL. E-mail requests for Bureau QSLs are OK via: 9m6na@jsfc.org . Visit his Web page at: http://jsfc.org/je1jkl/9m6na.html

17/02/2004: Bill, N7OU, reports that he will be in HI9-land (Dominican Republic, IOTA NA-096) from February 17th to 26th. Bill will be active on 160 through 10 meters before and after the contest, CW only. QSL via N7OU. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2004: Operators Dave (K3LP, Team Leader), Larry (N7DD), Steve (N3SB), Tyler (K3MM), Jeff (N8II), Clint (W3ARS) and Kam (N3KS) will be QRV from French St. Martin (NA-105) between February 18th and 24th. They will operate from Mort's (W1UQ's) QTH at Paradis Peak (1,400 elevation). Each team member will operate with their own FS/homecall prior to and after the ARRL Contest. During the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 21-22nd), the team will be active as FS5UQ during the contest as a Multi-Multi entry. All QSLs are via www.QRZ.com. [Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2004: Rick, K6VVA, reports that he will be QRV from the U.S. Virgin Islands (NA-106) as KP2CW in the ARRL CW DX Contest (February 21-22nd) as a Single-Op/All Band/High Power entry. QSL via K6VVA. Rick will be there between February 18th and 24th. His activity outside of the contest will be on Thursday (2/18) and some on Friday (2/19) - All Bands as they are opening, but also doing setup/testing. He will also be active primarily on CW. The NCCC Co-Founder Rick, K6VVA, emerges from DX/Contest Mothballs after 25+ years and hopes to QSO many old friends!

[Tnx OPDX]

18/02/2004: John, W2GD, will be QRV from Aruba (SA-036) as P40W, ARRL DX CW Contest included (SOAB entry) between February 18th and 23rd. Activity will be on all bands SSB and CW, with an emphasis on 160 meters at night, 10 meters during the day. QSL via N2MM. [Tnx OPDX]

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ANTARCTIC NEWS FROM DOMINIK, DL5EBE -

I just got a message from our good friend Oleg, R1ANF/UA1PBA, that this season they had lots of work to do and there was hardly time left to be QRV. In peaking times they had up to 40 visitors on the base, even some VIP's like the King of Spain and the President of Chile. Even Alex, UA1PAW, who has always been one of the more active operators at R1ANF is now busy painting the buildings and Slava; UA1PAI, joins him. But at the end of February, many people will leave and there will be more time to be on the air. It is now for sure that Oleg and his team will overwinter again. His wintering crew consists of 8 people plus a celibate priest - you are reading correctly - they have built an orthodox church on King George Island! The church will be officially opened on the 15th of February and this event will be celebrated by ca. 30 VIPs from Moscow and the Russian Orthodox Church.

Any operation from Dallmann will be either, when these visitors will leave for Europe or when his old crew will leave on the 24th of February. An operation from Ballve is also planned and Oleg has already got the keys from the building.

By the way, those who are still waiting for their DP1ANF and R1ANF/p (Ballve) cards - due to an error in the postal adress the package with the QSL cards was sent back to Italy!! Alfio, IT9EJW, has sent the package to RK1PWA again by airmail. We hope that the cards will arrive to Amderma very soon. However, in winter time there is only one aircraft every two weeks which can deliver the mail to the polar station. So please be patient. [Tnx DL5EBE]

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73 and Good Hunting!

Dave Raycroft - VA3RJ

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